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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN PEACE CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN UNITED STATES

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED REVEREND MENSIK, HEAD OF PRAGUE HEAD-QUARTERS FOR CHRISTIAN PEACE CONFERENCE, AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SESSIONS OF CPC INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT HERE DURING JANUARY 14-15. EMBOFF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MEETINGS WOULD DISCUSS CPC ACTIVITIES IN U.S. MENSIK SAID HE WOULD CHECK. HE LATER SENT REPLY THROUGH U.S. DELEGATE, PROFESSOR BRUCE RIGDON (ADDRESS: MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 5555S. WOODLAWN AVE., CHICAGO 60637, TEL. 312-241-7800), WHO TOLD EMBOFF THAT SECRETARIAT MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE OF INTEREST TO EMBASSY FOR THEY DEALT ONLY WITH FINANCING AND OTHER NUTS AND BOLTS.

2. RIGDON UNABLE ACCEPT EMBOFF'S INVITATION FOR GET-TO-GETHER AFTER SECRETARIAT MEETING NIGHT OF JAN 14TH, BUT CALLED EMBOFF
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BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM PRAGUE ON 15TH TO EXPRESS REGRETS AND HOPE THAT THEY COULD MEET DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO PRAGUE TO

DISCUSS CPC.

3. HE SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT HAD SCHEDULED TWO MEETINGS IN U.S. DURING FIRST WEEK IN APRIL:

A. CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF CHURCHES AT THE MARROTS-VILLE (SIC) SPIRITUAL CENTER, LOCATED BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON

B. MEETING OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE AT THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IN WINDSOR, MARYLAND.

4. RIGDON SAID HE HAD LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND THAT MANY WERE FROM EE COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD WORLD INCLUDING CUBA. RIGDON ASKED WHETHER VISA DIFFICULTIES COULD BE EXPECTED AND WAS REFERRED TO CZECHOSLOVAK DESK OFFICER BROWN IN DEPARTMENT. RIGDON, WHO ARRIVES IN CHICAGO ON 16TH SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH BROWN. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON CPC ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT RIGDON FIRST AT ABOVE ADDRESS. ON PHONE HE SEEMED FRIENDLY.

FYI: THE PRAGUE BASED CPC IS A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FOR CHRISTAINS, HEADED BY ITS PRESIDENT, METROPOLITAN NIKODIM OF LENINGRAD, AND BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, KAROLY TOTTH OF HUNGARIAN PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD. THE CPC IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE THIRD WORLD. IN EE, THE CPC IS USED BY GOVERNMENTS TO MOBILIZE THE NON-ROMAN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN POPULATION BEHIND THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND SEE REF AIR.

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